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1. AS EXPECTED (REFTEL), FINLAND ON FEBRUARY 20 RECOGNIZED THE ANGOLAN PEOPLES REPUBLIC (APR). SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC FOREIGN MINISTER SORSA SENT TELEGRAM TO APR FOREIGN MINISTER DOS SANTOS ANNOUNCING RECOGNITION AND EXPRESSING WISH TO ENTER INTO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. PRESS REPORTS OF THIS MESSAGE DO NOT INDICATE THAT FINNS MADE ANY REFERENCE TO DEPARTURE OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM ANGOLA.

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2. COMMENT: FINLAND ENDS UP BEING ONE OF THE LAST WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO RECOGNIZE APR, DUE NO DOUBT IN PART TO BUREAUCRATIC COMPLEXITIES. EMB WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT

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OUR INTERVENTIONS EXPRESSING DISMAY OVER ANGOLAN DEVELOPMENTS,

ESPECIALLY FINNISH TEN MILLION MARK CONCESSIONAL CREDIT TO
CUBA, ALSO PLAYED A ROLE.
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